

Bite

Prevention



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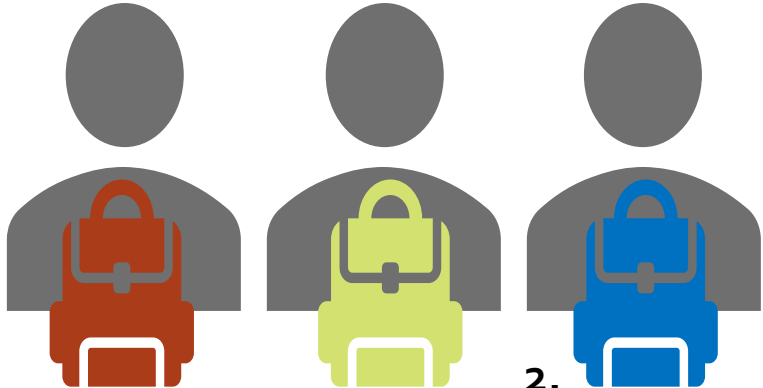
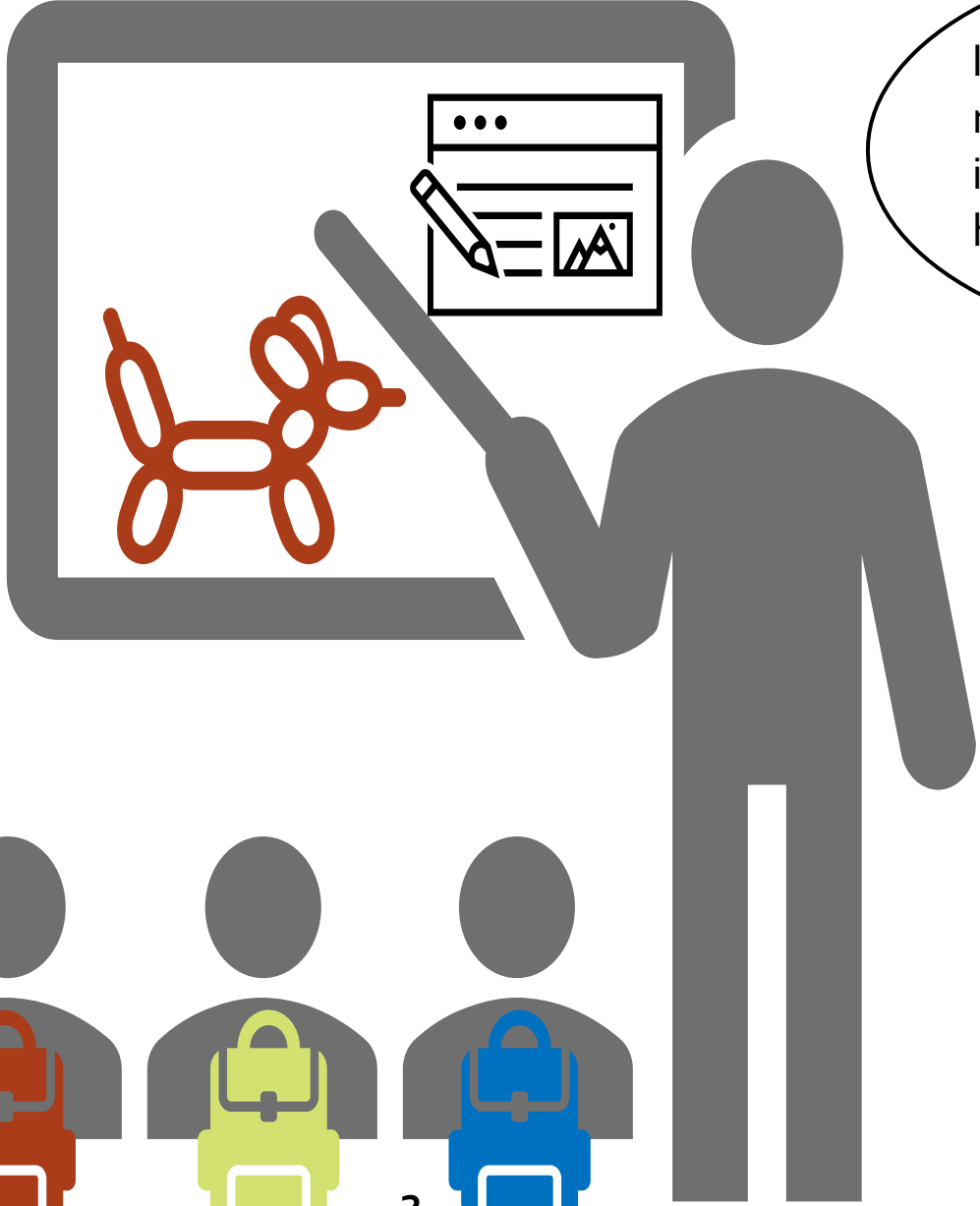
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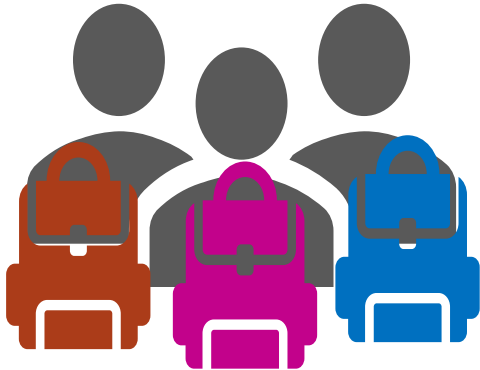
Hello animal lovers! Today we are going to learn how to be safe around dogs.

Why is dog bite prevention so important? Surprisingly, there are about 4.7 (4,700,000) million dog bites reported in the U.S yearly. Sadly, most of these bites involve children ages 5-9.

If a dog growls or barks, do not get near the dog. Even if it is your dog, he or she is not happy. That dog will bite.



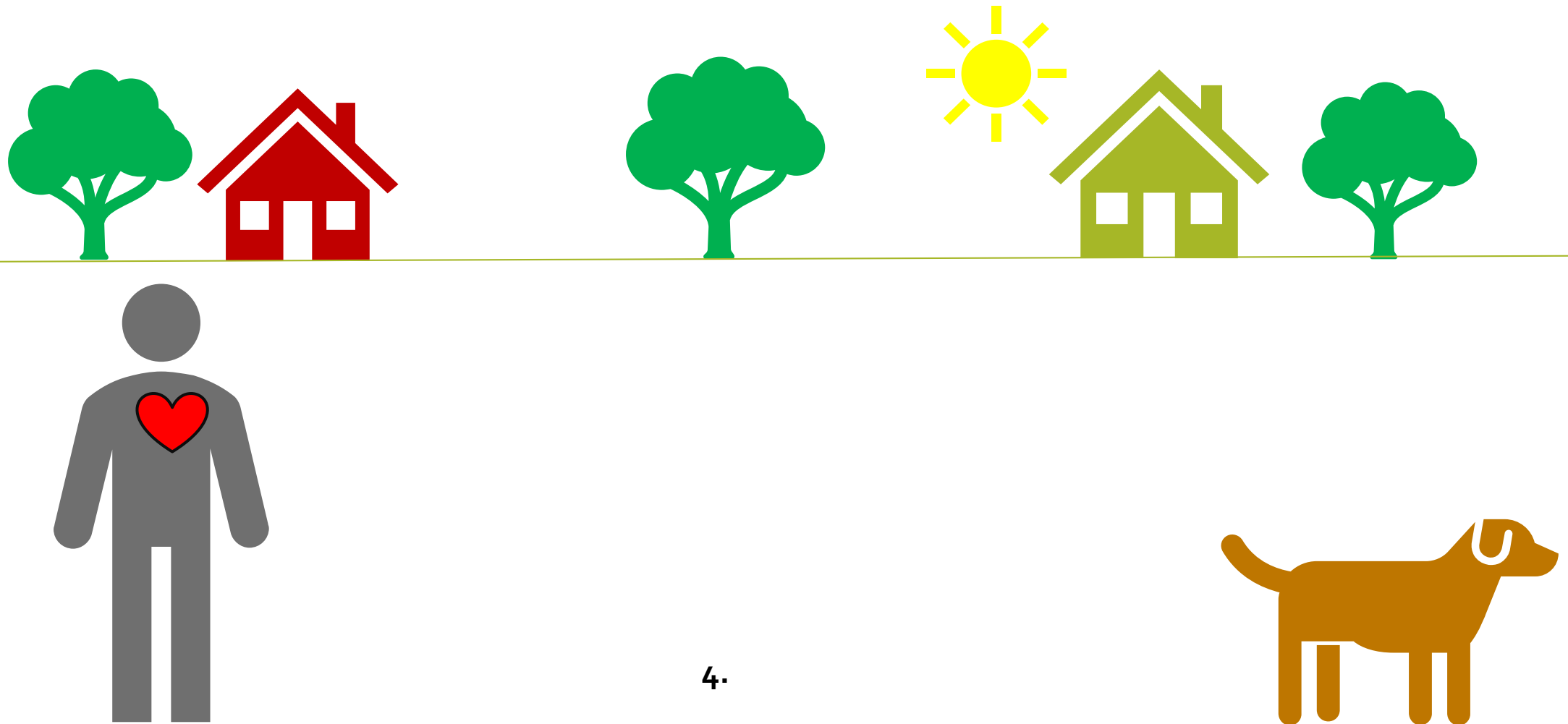
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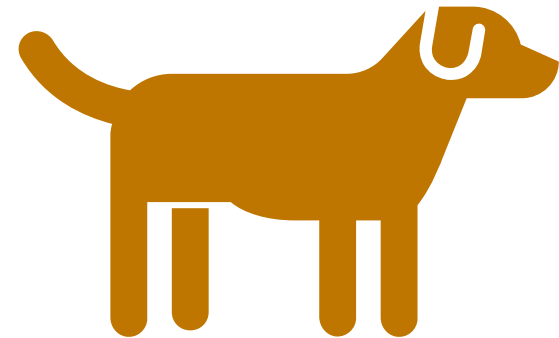
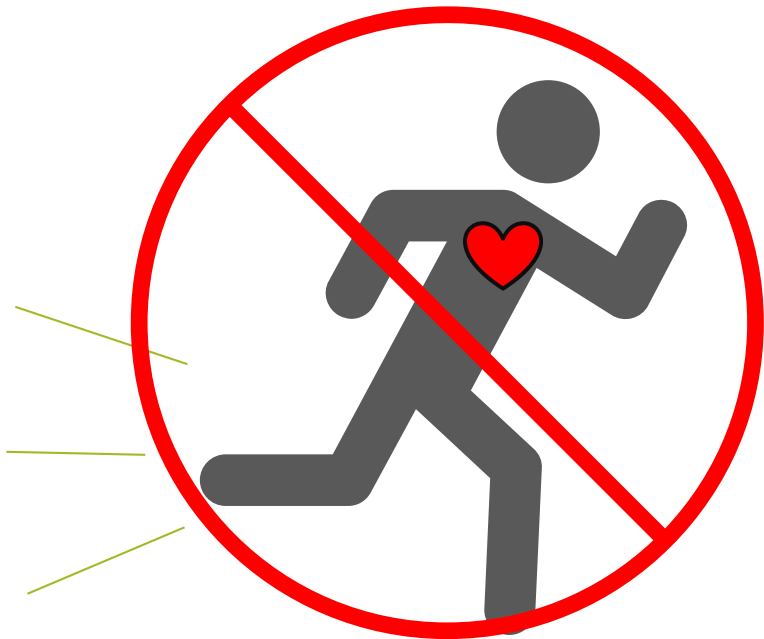
Dogs will bite for many reasons. This is why you should never get near a dog without asking the owner for permission.

This includes asking your parents/guardian for permission to pet and play with your newly adopted dog.

If you suddenly spot an adorable dog wandering alone,
and you feel your heart melting...



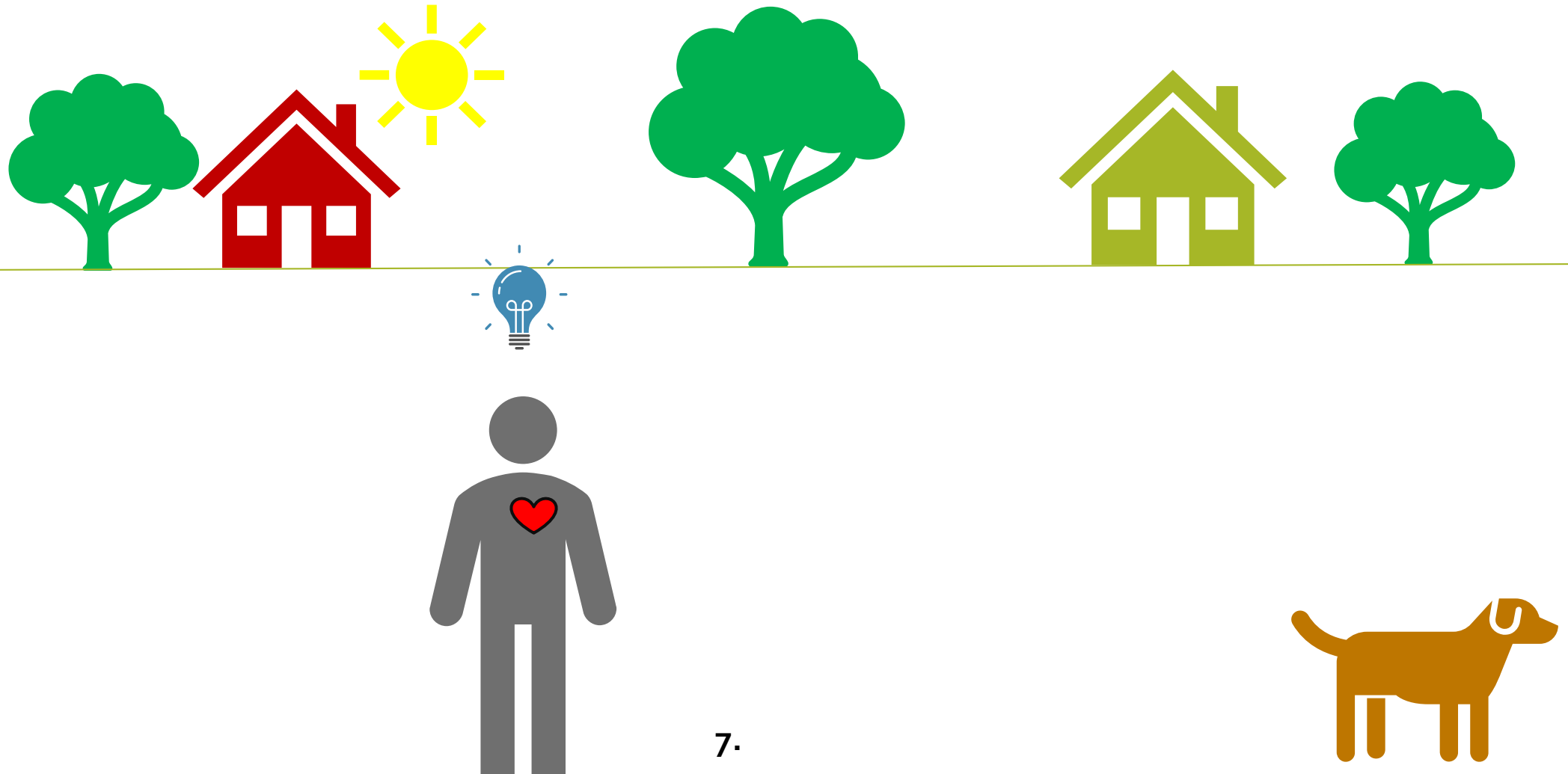
BE CAREFUL!



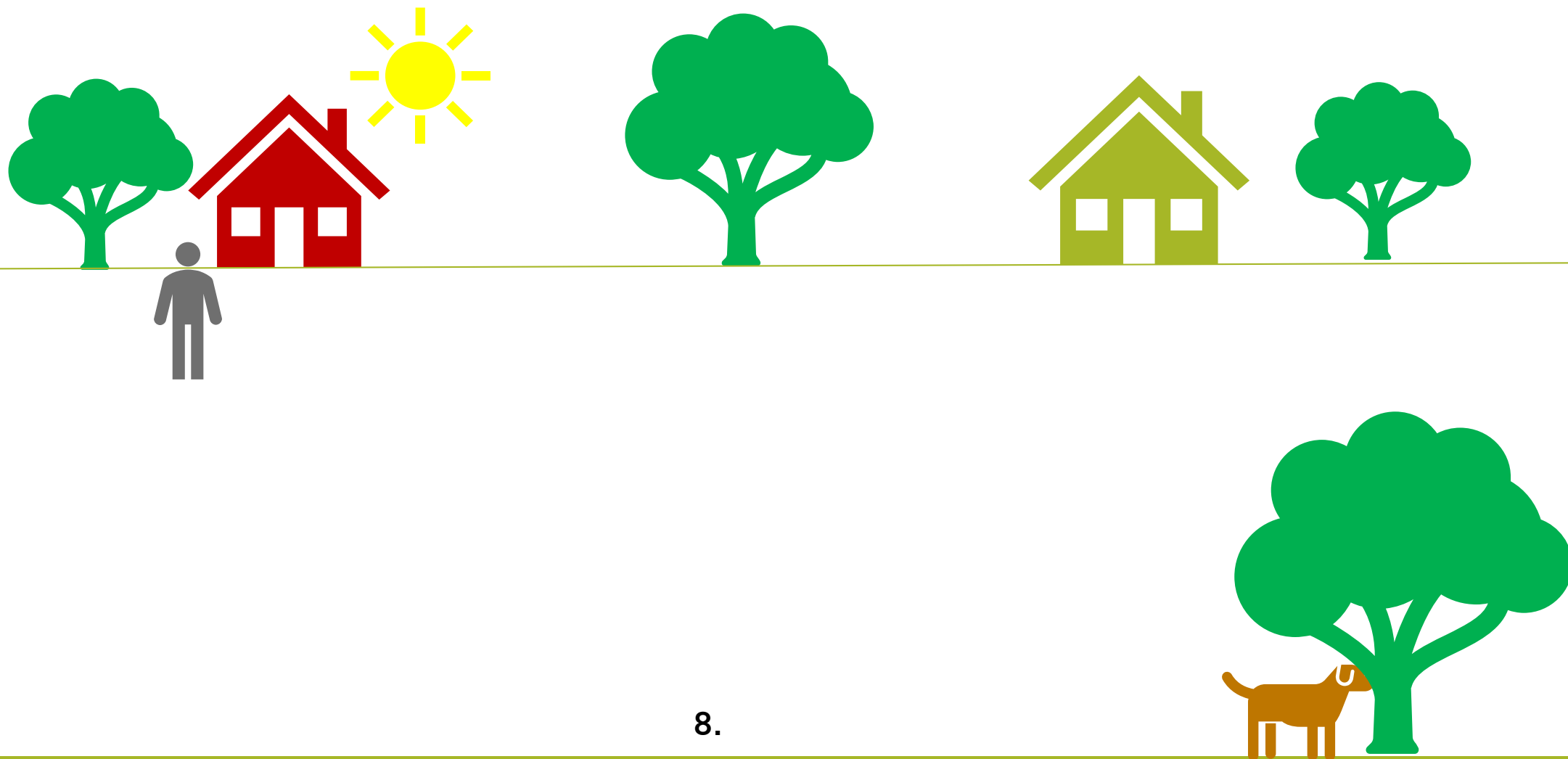
Do not run up to the dog. You will definitely scare the dog.
A scared dog will bite, especially one who doesn't know
you.

Instead...

Stand still, do not make a sound. If the dog has not seen you...



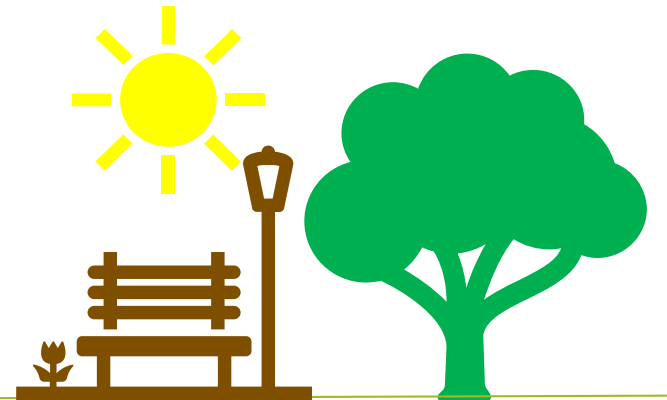
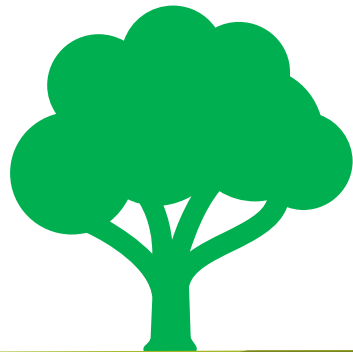
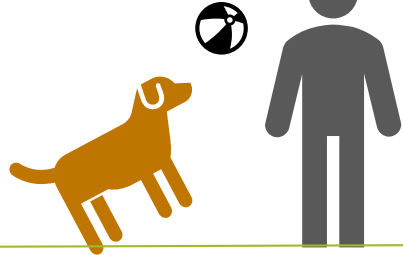
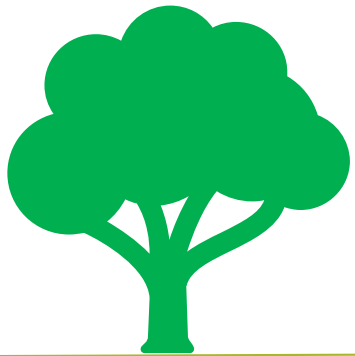
Calmly walk away.



Always make sure the dog has not seen you before walking away.

Because you care, definitely tell your parents/guardian or teacher about the dog. They might be able to help the dog find its way back home.

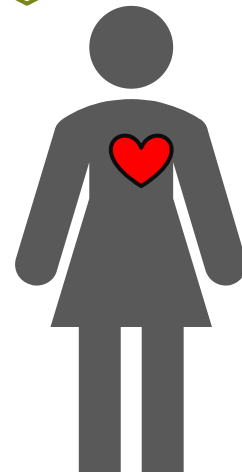
If you are at the park having fun and you spot a dog, **BE CAREFUL!**



Look! A cute,
adorable,
awesome dog!



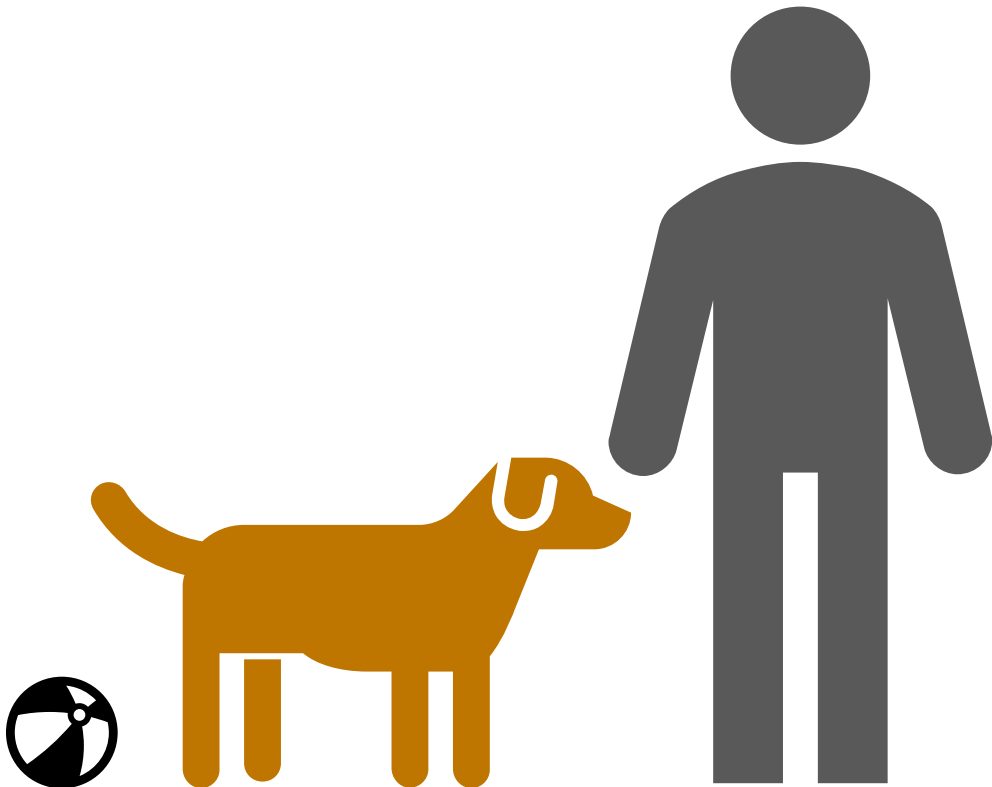
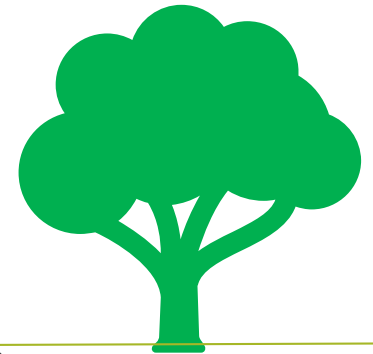
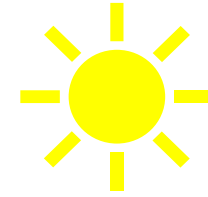
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Even if the dog is playing with its owner and seems to be the nicest dog, this dog does not know you. He might bite you thinking he is protecting his owner or his toy.

For safety, always ask your parents/guardian for permission to pet a dog. If they say yes, then calmly approach the owner of the dog.

Ask the owner if you may pet his or her dog. Calmly wait for the answer.

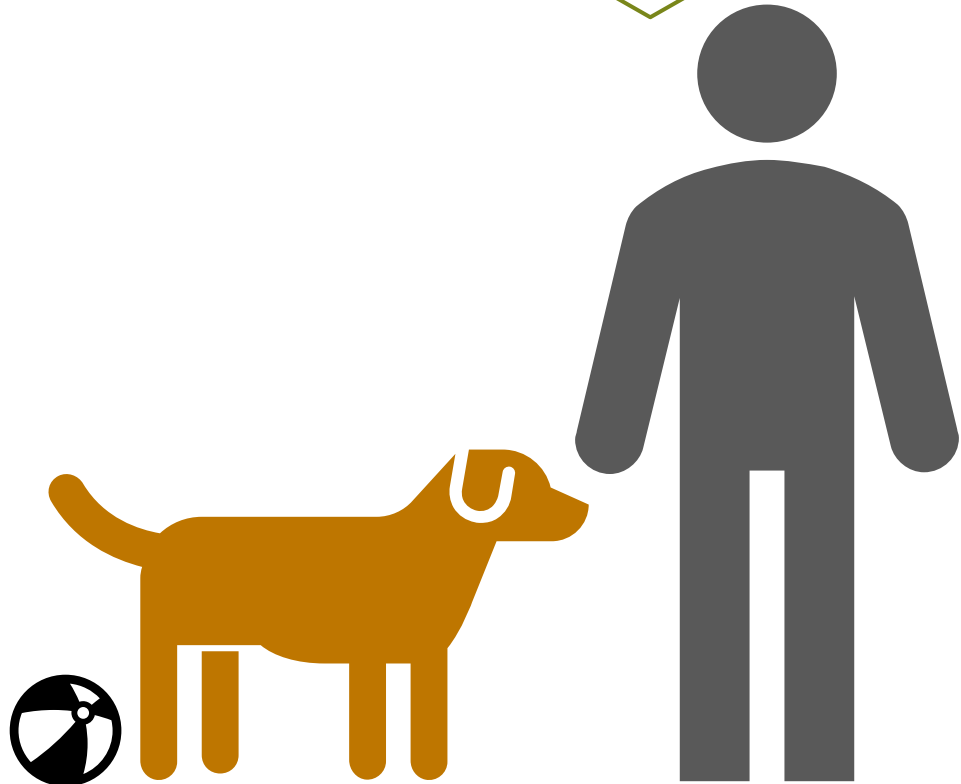
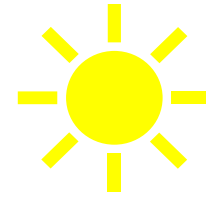


Sometimes, a dog who seems to be friendly might actually be an aggressive dog. Some dogs do not like children. Some dogs do not like men, women or other dogs.

Do not be sad if the owner answers **no** to petting his or her dog. Instead, say thank you and calmly walk away.



Thank you for asking.
My dog doesn't like
children. Sorry.

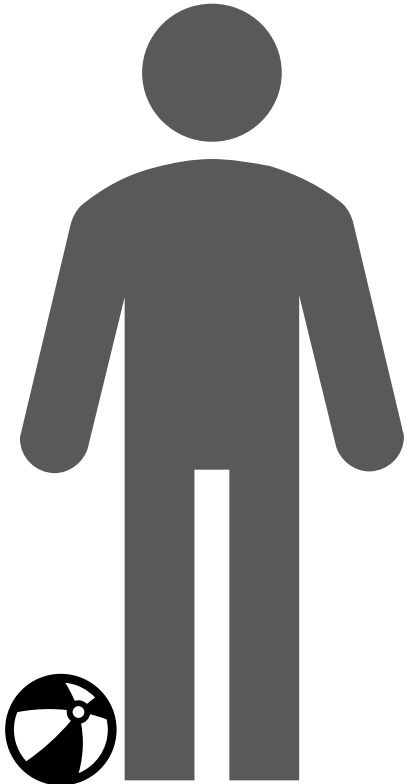
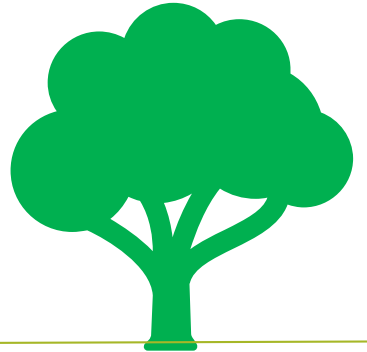
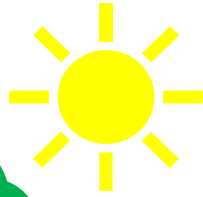
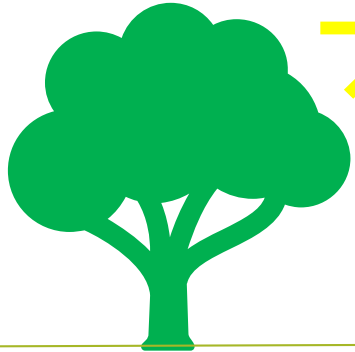


If the owner answers **yes**, it is your lucky day! Calmly wait for the owner to tell you how and where to safely pet.

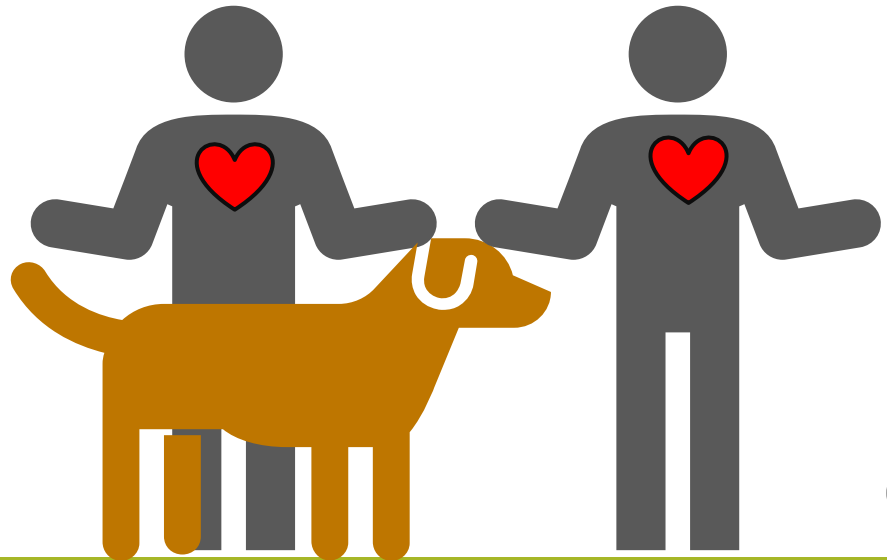
Remember, even a nice dog can bite if afraid or in pain. Be gentle even when petting any friendly animal.



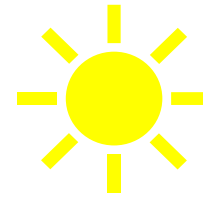
Thank you for asking. Yes, my dog loves everybody.



Thank You!



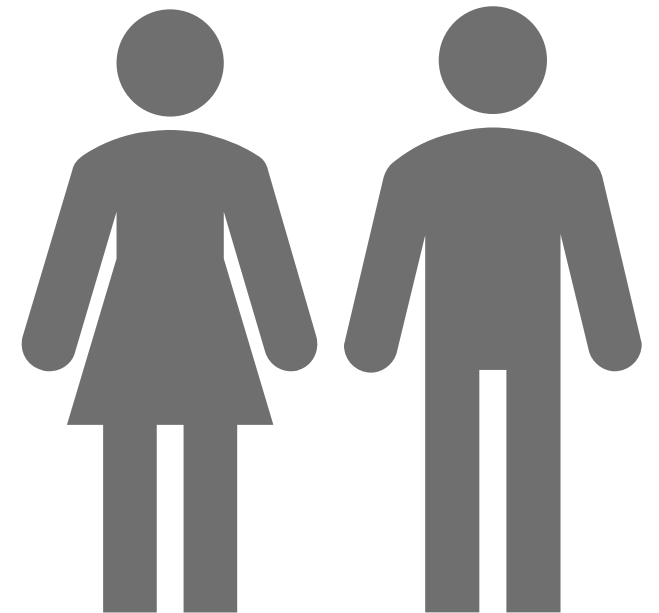
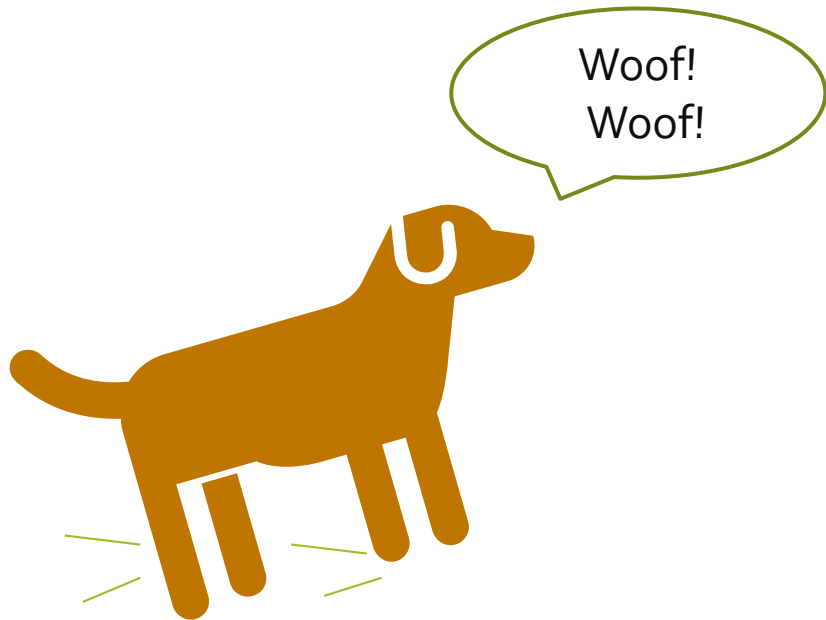
If you suddenly realize there is a stray dog coming your way,
DO NOT RUN AWAY!



A dog will outrun you and might hurt you. Your heart might be pounding fast out of fear. Please don't kick or throw rocks at the dog.

Instead...

Stand still.



Do not make a sound. Do not stare directly into the dog's eyes. In order for you to be safe, you must become boring. This way the dog will leave you alone.

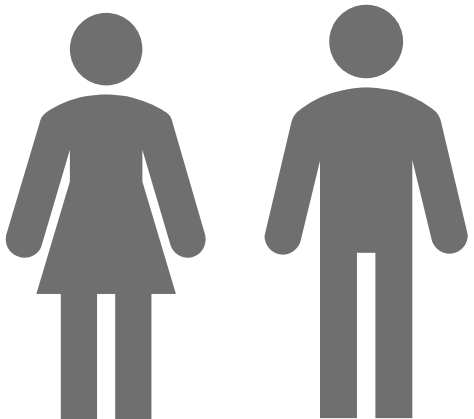
If the dog tries to bite you, then become a rock. Grab your neck for extra protection.

If a dog cannot chase you, then there is no fun in continuing to bark at you.

Not moving or making a sound is the best way to prevent a dog bite. Once the dog is gone you may go back to normal.



Great job!

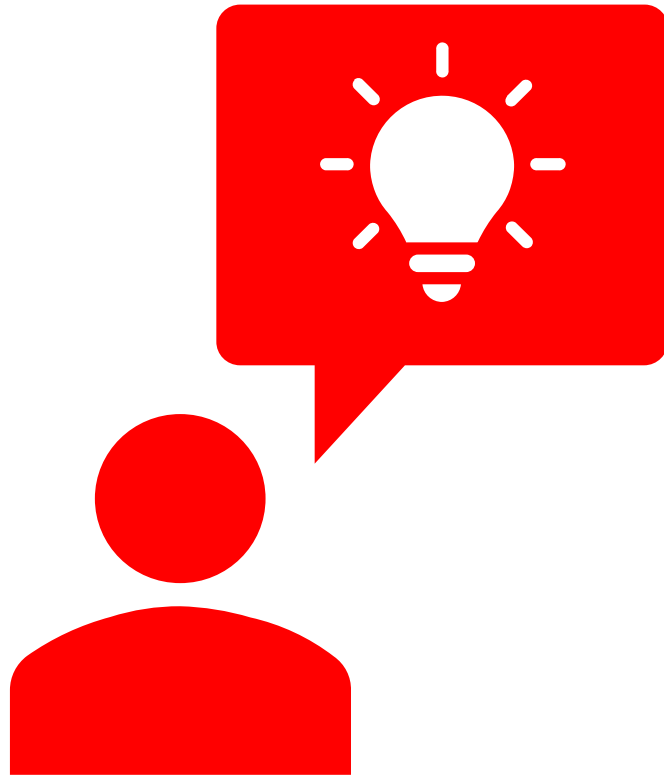


Let's always follow these safety rules around dogs so we can all be bite free.

Remember that the best way to avoid a bite from an animal is by **being kind** to it. **Never** scare, yell or hurt an animal. If an animal does not want to be bothered, **leave it alone**. Your safety is in your hands.



Red Light!
STOP and be safe.



Dog Bite Prevention

Dog Running Up to You

1. Stand Still
2. Hands on your sides or hug yourself.
3. Do not make a sound.
4. Do not stare directly into the dog's eyes.
5. If the dog tries to bite, roll into a ball. Grab your neck for protection.
6. Remain as a ball until the dog is gone.

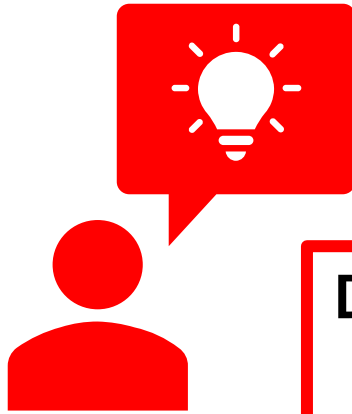
Green Light!
You May **GO** if given
permission.



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Dog Walking with Owner

1. Ask your parents/guardian for permission to pet the dog.
2. If they say yes, walk calmly towards the owner of the dog.
3. Ask the dog owner for permission to pet his/her dog.
3. If the owner says **NO**, say thank you and walk away.
4. If the owner says **YES**, wait until he/she shows you how to pet the dog.



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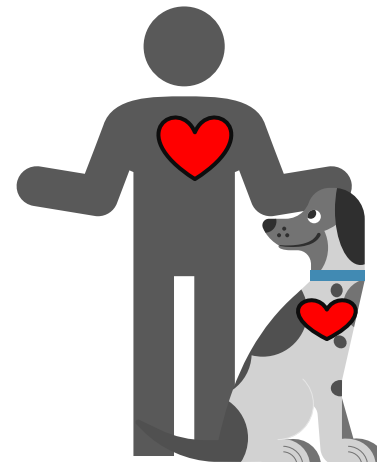
Dogs bite when protecting someone or something.
Be careful, be safe.

Dogs protect their...



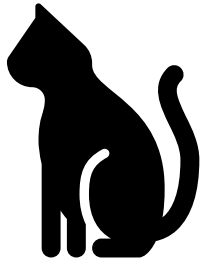
puppies!

And...



Even their owner.

Bite Prevention



If a cat **hisses** at you, it's your **red light**. Leave the cat alone. That cat is ready to scratch and bite.

Rabbits will bite if scared. Be gentle with your pet rabbit. **Do not** carry a rabbit like a baby. Putting your rabbit on its back will make it go into a trance. This is a defense mechanism which makes your rabbit feel very scared.



**Be
Safe.**

**Be
kind.**



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